

## ROBERTS' EVASIONS CONTINUED BY AFFIDAVITS.

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Means Will Now Be Devised to Secure Presence of the Witnesses and the Committee May Go to Utah.

Polygamist's Defiance and Evasive Statement to His Judges Has, It Is Said, Hurt His Case Seriously.

Washington, Dec. 10.—It is generally admitted tonight that the members of the special Roberts committee are a unit as to the strength of the evidence furnished by the Journal, and that it makes a complete prima facie case against the defendant polygamist.

It now remains for the committee to decide as to the most advisable plan to secure the witnesses which Roberts' method of procedure in refusing to testify necessitates.

Now that Roberts has had an opportunity to hear some of the evidence laid before this committee, it is possible to make up a portion of the chain of evidence in the strong chain of evidence are nothing to what can be brought out if occasion demands it. In answer to Roberts' evasions.

No man in Utah is more respected for his sterling character than ex-Judge T. J. Brandon, of Centerville, Davis County. Judge Brandon held the position of Probate Judge for two terms under President Cleveland's Administration. The father of Louis Smith Roberts, wife of N. L. and Judge Brandon married sisters. He has known Roberts intimately for years.

Accused by an Old Friend.

Judge Brandon, in his affidavit, says:

"That Brigham H. Roberts, in the Third Judicial District Court of the Territory of Utah, did on April 20, 1889, enter a plea of guilty to a charge of unlawful cohabitation with one Celia Dibble, sometimes called Celia Dibble Roberts, he then having Louis Smith Roberts his son and wife."

Affair further avers that his opportunity for knowing the habit and reputation of the defendant said Brigham H. Roberts, and the relationship of said Brigham H. Roberts to Louis Smith Roberts and Celia Dibble Roberts, found that the defendant, who is the late President William B. Smith, is the defendant's brother-in-law.

That Celia Dibble has been recognized in the community as the plural wife of Brigham H. Roberts before the said Brigham H. Roberts pleaded guilty of unlawful cohabitation with her in 1889.

That after the said Brigham H. Roberts was released from the penitentiary, Celia Dibble left her father's home in the neighborhood of Layton, and came to Centerville, where she was visited often and openly by Brigham H. Roberts.

"These visits were frequently called to this affiant's attention during the time that said Brigham H. Roberts was sitting as a member of the constitution convention of the State of Utah, when a child was born to Celia Dibble, sometimes called Celia Dibble Roberts."

Has Children by Two Wives.

That is a matter of common repute in the neighborhood and among the members of the family of Louis Smith Roberts and Celia Dibble Roberts and their relatives, and that Brigham H. Roberts is the father of six children of Louis Smith Roberts and five living children of Celia Dibble Roberts.

That on August 11, 1897, Celia Dibble Roberts became the mother of twins, that these twins were specially called to the attention of the said Brigham H. Roberts, the children of the said Brigham H. Roberts.

That during the past eighteen months Brigham H. Roberts has frequently visited and associated with both Louis Smith Roberts and Celia Dibble Roberts in the neighborhood and among the members of the family of Louis Smith Roberts, and that he has been personally known to said Brigham H. Roberts during this period visited both said women, and that he is indebted by the children of both as their father."

Ray Brandon, a son of Judge Brandon, made an affidavit in support of what he has in the hands of the committee.

In further answer to Roberts' evasions and in explanation why he dare not deny the charges against the defendant, said affidavit made by the Rev. S. E. Wishard, D. D., a Presbyterian clergyman, of Utah.

Dr. Wishard testifies as to Roberts having introduced him in the Fall of 1897 to Dr. Maggie Shipps.

Another strong affidavit was made by Martin McDonald, of Salt Lake. Mrs. McDonald declares that during July, 1897, she was on a train going from Salt Lake to Ogden. She had known Roberts and Dr. Maggie Shipps for seven or eight years.

Roberts and Maggie Shipps were introduced to her by the Rev. S. E. Wishard, D. D., a Presbyterian clergyman, of Utah.

There is also an affidavit that a few months previous to the date named in Mrs. McDonald's affidavit, she had been changed her doctor's sign to Dr. Margaret C. Roberts.

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The Rogers Baby Abducted by Its Father.

She is the seven-months-old girl who was abducted from the home of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swits Coude, at Oswego, by her father, Lebbeus Harding Rogers, Jr., of this city. He says she would have been kept from him forever if he hadn't.

## FIRE CLAIMS AGED PAIR AS VICTIMS. MORALS PREACHED IN POLICE COURTS.

Flames Spread So Swiftly Firemen Could Not Rescue Them.

Gloucester, N. J., Dec. 10.—David Young, an old man, and his wife, Elizabeth, were killed this morning on a quick burning fire that destroyed two hotels and several buildings.

They lived in a room over Hargreaves's stables, and were so hemmed in that escape was not possible, nor could the firemen reach them.

The amells began in the "sporting section" of the city, near the ferry. It was devastated half a block, licking up the Green Tree Hotel, the Clifton House, the handball court building and the stables attached to the Green Tree, a dwelling house, occupied by John Nicholson and Hargreaves's stables. In the latter three horses were lost.

John Mulligan, landlord of the Green Tree Hotel, lost everything he owned, and preserved his life with difficulty. His aged mother, his wife, and five children and William Carney, champion hand ball player of the world, also had narrow escapes.

Mulligan had to leap from a second story window after helping his family to escape.

Mulligan and Carney were indicted on complaint of law and order detectives. Carney was convicted and is awaiting sentence. Mulligan was tried next week.

The fire was caused by an overheated engine attached to a kindling wood machine. The burned section is well known to persons of the racing track. The loss is \$200,000, and falls principally on Frank Fair.

PROMINENT MORMON  
REPUTATIVES ROBERTS.

Nashville, Dec. 10.—Benjamin E. Rich, a power in the Mormon Church and Utah politics, president of the Southern Propaganda of his Church, directing five hundred elders and having charge of mission work in Ohio and the entire South, is in Nashville holding a conference with the elders presiding in Tennessee.

Rich, who is a strong political opponent of Congressman Brigham H. Roberts, decried in the next Presidential race, the most emphatic terms to-day that Roberts was elected by or represents Mormon people.

He predicted the unseating of Roberts, said that while he was Roberts' opponent he believed the fight on him to be a Republican scheme and that it would have important bearing in the West upon the next Presidential race.

Rich says that the Church is not teaching polygamy, and that it is gaining foot-hold in the South at the rate of from 1,000 to 1,500 converts a year.

DR. VAN DYKE FAILS  
TO SAY FAREWELL.

A MISTAKEN idea, which had gained considerable currency, that the Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of the Brick Presbyterian Church, was to preach his "farewell sermon" last night drew throngs to the church.

It was recently announced that Dr. Van Dyke had accepted the chair of Literature at Princeton, the said last night, "I am not going to leave here till I get ready, do not know when I shall go to Princeton. Too much has been said about it already."

ALVAREZ, THE TENOR HERE.

Will Make His First Appearance in New York on December 18.

Albert Alvarez, the celebrated tenor, arrived here yesterday from Europe on La Gasconne. He will make his first New York appearance on December 18, at the Metropolitan Opera House, where, with the Grand Opera Company, he will be heard in "Homo and Juliet."

The tenor's New York engagement is limited to six weeks, by reason of his European engagements. Mr. Alvarez will also sing in "Faust," "Aida" and "The Huguenots."

Electric Sign to Attract Church-goers.

An electric sign, the first of its kind in Brooklyn, to attract churchgoers, has been placed in front of the First Reformed Church, at Gleney street and Bedford avenue, Williamsburg. The board was the idea of the Rev. Howard Willard Ebnis, the new pastor of the church, and is in the shape of a large sign, which will be decorated with the fronts of churches.

Mishap to a Millionaire.

Nobody would like to be this millionaire. His name is Joseph McGrath and he serves in West Orange, N. J. While going down a steep hill yesterday morning the harness on his horse broke and the horse ran away. At the bottom of the hill there is a stone wall, which the horse struck with great force. McGrath lost the horse, and the harness, and was thrown from the horse, and was seriously injured.

## MORALS PREACHED IN POLICE COURTS.

Dominie Meade Draws His from Text of "Impossible Whiskey."

Thought City Ran Rained Law Hotel.

"Raines law hotels are nuisances. It is in these vile dens that most New York crime is committed."

Magistrate Poole pounded his desk indignantly as he said this in the Centre Street Police Court yesterday.

George Williams, a man with the Raines law hotel habit, was accused of beating and robbing Timothy Mooney of \$70 and a gold watch and chain in the hotel at No. 161 Hester street. Mooney lives at No. 122 Wayne street, Jersey City.

"There ought to be a revolution in this city to break up these hotels," the Court continued. Then turning to Mooney he said:

"Why do you go to such places? You might expect to lose your money in them. They are frequented by the very lowest persons. Perhaps, coming from Jersey City, you do not know this."

"I thought they were run by the city on account of the name of them," said Mooney. "They told me they were managed by Senator Raines."

The Magistrate gasped, and then held Williams in \$2,000 bail for trial.

"East Side whiskey is not whiskey at all. A man who pays money for it is the victim of false promises."

Meade in the Essex Market Police Court yesterday.

Meade got intoxicated on it, he went on argumentatively to a row of about a dozen "drunks" arraigned before him, "but it is merely so much poison. Why do you drink wine?"

The "drunks" looked at one another as each would hold his fellow responsible. Waiting for a reply the Court continued:

"It is not rum at all, growing more exalted and encephalic. It will kill you. It will burn your insides out of you."

There was a look of horror upon the twelve dissipated faces. It is not only rum, it is not even liquor. The laws against adulteration are not enforced.

The "drunks" were alarmed at Mr. Meade's denunciatory manner, and trembled.

"You are not responsible if you get drunk on such stuff. You are all discharged."

The twelve "drunks" darted out into the open.

It is revolting to think of opium smoking in New York. I despise a man who uses the awful drug."

That is what Magistrate Cornell said in the Yorkville Police Court yesterday to Richard A. Walsh, charged with keeping an opium joint at No. 375 Bowery, coupling Reilly and Meyer.

William Cunningham accused of smoking up in it.

can tell an opium fiend at sight," he went on. Such men deserve no mercy.

"Why do you smoke? It is a filthy habit that leads to death and disease—if not cured."

Deities said that they smell opium cooking and broke down the door of a room in Walsh's hotel and found the two other men enjoying the drug.

"My clients were guests of the hotel and had a right to use their rooms as they pleased," said their counsel. "The keeping of a Raines law hotel cannot be held responsible for what goes on in the apartments."

## DEEP WATERWAYS COMMISSION REPORTS TO SECRETARY ROOT TO-DAY.

Committees Appointed, One to Report on Their Condition, the Other to Find a Way to Improve the Statutes.

The Rev. Francis J. C. Moran Tells of the Results Reached at the Conference Held at St. Stephen's Church.

Clergyman Declares That the Present Law Provides too Many Duties for the Small Force of Inspectors.

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## FAVORS DAMMING NIAGARA RIVER.

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